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WHEAT INSPECTIONS A FOURTH LARGER IN 1942-43

Movement of wheat through inspection points during the 1942-43 marketing season was more than a fourth larger than during the previous season, the War Food Administration reports, and was also nearly a fourth larger than the average of the preceding five years. Increased use of wheat for feed and alcohol production and shifting of storage wheat accounted for a good part of the larger movement. Taken altogether the quality of the wheat which passed through terminal and country inspection points was materially better than average. Considerably larger than average percentages of Durum and Soft Red Winter wheats, however, graded "tough" as a result of rains during the harvesting period in the areas where these classes are grown. Larger than average percentages of the 1942-43 inspections classed as Hard Red Spring and Hard Red Winter, while smaller percentages fell in the Soft Red Winter and White Wheat classes.

Inspected receipts of wheat in the United States during the crop year July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943 totaled 561,683 carloads. This is an increase of 27 percent over 443,834 cars inspected the preceding year and is 23 percent higher than 457,270 cars, the 5-year average 1937-41. Of the total wheat receipts inspected, 93 percent graded No. 3 or better for the crop year 1942-43 compared with 87 percent for 1941-42 and 86 percent for the 5-year average.

Twenty-six percent or 145,203 cars, of all wheat inspected on arrival, classed as Hard Red Spring in 1942-43, compared with 26 percent or 115,522 cars a year earlier and 19 percent or 85,530 cars the 5-year average. Ninety-three percent, 90 percent, and 84 percent graded No. 3 or better for the three periods, respectively. Of this class, 93 percent fell in the subclass dark northern spring for the crop year 1942-43, compared with 98 percent the preceding year and 97 percent for the 5-year average.

Included in the Durum wheat class were 26,723 cars or 5 percent of the total inspections in 1942-43; 26,459 cars or 6 percent in 1941-42, and 20,643 cars or 4 percent the 5-year average. Sixty-seven percent graded No. 3 or better in 1942-43, compared with 69 percent the previous year and 87 percent for the 5-year average. Of this class, the percentages grading "tough" were 17 percent, 23 percent, and 7 percent, respectively.

Fifty-six percent of the total inspected receipts, or 318,433 cars, classed as Hard Red Winter wheat in 1942-43, 48 percent or 212,921 cars in 1941-42, and 51 percent or 234,444 cars for the 5-year average. Ninety-six percent graded No. 3 or better in 1942-43 against 88 percent the preceding year and the 5-year average. Of this class, 62 percent fell in the hard winter subclass in 1942-43, compared with 64 percent a year earlier and 49 percent for the 5-year average.

Only 4 percent or 21,363 cars classed as Soft Red Winter wheat in 1942-43 as against 10 percent or 42,457 cars in 1941-42 and 12 percent or 55,035 cars for the 5-year average. Eighty-seven percent graded No. 3 or better in the 1942-43 season compared with 90 percent the previous year and 76 percent the 5-year average. The percentages falling into the lower grades for the three periods were 13 percent, 10 percent, and 24 percent, respectively. Twenty-three percent graded "tough" in 1942-43 against 17 percent in 1941-42 and 14 percent the 5-year average.

White Wheat comprised only 7 percent of the total inspections, or 37,728 cars, in 1942-43 against the same percentage or 31,048 cars in 1941-42, but 2 percent less than the 39,579 cars, the 5-year average. Of this class, 98 percent graded No. 3 or better in 1942-43, compared with 92 percent in 1941-42 and 96 percent the 5-year average.

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Inspected Receipts of Wheat for Crop Years beginning July 1, 1941 and 1942
and 5-year average 1937-41, by class and grade

Class and Year	:No. 1 :Heavy :Cars	%	:No. 1 :cars	%	:No. 2 :cars	%	:No. 3 :cars	%	:No. 4 :cars	%	:No. 5 :cars	%	Sample Grade cars	%	Total No. cars	Class %
HARD RED SPRING	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1942	:24,578	17 :	57,529	40 :	29,661	20 :	22,855	16 :	5,463	4 :	1,580	1 :	3,537	2 :	145,203	26
1941	:18,148	16 :	36,860	32 :	21,927	19 :	26,910	23 :	7,132	6 :	1,721	2 :	2,824	2 :	115,522	26
5-yr. average	:14,924	18 :	24,114	28 :	14,067	16 :	18,460	22 :	7,571	9 :	3,599	4 :	2,795	3 :	85,530	19
DURUM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1942	:	:	2,880	11 :	8,541	32 :	6,474	24 :	3,385	13 :	2,414	9 :	3,029	11 :	26,723	5
1941	:	:	4,814	18 :	9,325	35 :	4,089	16 :	2,338	9 :	2,050	8 :	3,843	14 :	26,459	6
5-yr. average	:	:	7,746	38 :	7,895	38 :	2,360	11 :	943	5 :	646	3 :	1,053	5 :	20,643	4
HARD RED WINTER	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1942	:	:	151,327	47 :	124,525	39 :	30,952	10 :	4,671	2 :	969	0 :	5,989	2 :	318,433	56
1941	:	:	68,055	32 :	80,384	38 :	38,115	18 :	17,079	8 :	4,989	2 :	4,299	2 :	212,921	48
5-yr. average	:	:	87,094	37 :	77,668	33 :	40,856	18 :	17,543	7 :	6,856	3 :	4,427	2 :	234,444	51
SOFT RED WINTER	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1942	:	:	4,243	20 :	9,434	44 :	4,885	23 :	1,168	5 :	357	2 :	1,276	6 :	21,363	4
1941	:	:	12,558	30 :	19,112	45 :	6,638	15 :	1,507	4 :	303	1 :	2,339	5 :	42,457	10
5-yr. average	:	:	7,631	14 :	21,244	39 :	13,017	23 :	5,595	10 :	3,873	7 :	3,675	7 :	55,035	12
WHITE WHEAT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1942	:	:	21,227	56 :	13,385	36 :	2,140	6 :	425	1 :	117	0 :	434	1 :	37,728	7
1941	:	:	13,760	45 :	11,751	38 :	2,861	9 :	717	2 :	354	1 :	1,605	5 :	31,048	7
5-yr. average	:	:	16,524	42 :	16,923	43 :	4,355	11 :	898	2 :	317	1 :	562	1 :	39,579	9
MIXED WHEAT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1942	:	:	2,103	17 :	4,371	36 :	3,213	26 :	1,177	10 :	435	3 :	934	8 :	12,233	2
1941	:	:	3,554	23 :	6,275	41 :	3,238	21 :	1,004	6 :	432	3 :	924	6 :	15,427	3
5-yr. average	:	:	5,380	24 :	8,523	39 :	4,866	22 :	1,579	7 :	796	4 :	895	4 :	22,039	5
TOTAL, ALL CLASSES:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1942	:24,578	4 :	239,309	43 :	189,917	34 :	70,519	12 :	16,289	3 :	5,872	1 :	15,199	3 :	561,683	100
1941	:18,148	4 :	139,601	32 :	148,774	33 :	81,851	18 :	29,777	7 :	9,849	2 :	15,834	4 :	443,834	100
5-yr. average	:14,924	3 :	148,489	33 :	146,320	32 :	83,914	18 :	34,129	8 :	16,087	3 :	13,407	3 :	457,270	100